THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) Indian Pharmaceutical Industry has made various submissions to Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Department of Commerce, Department of Health and Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals relating to the patent regime.

(b) and (c) Doha Ministerial Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health in paragraph 7 provides that:

"...We also agree that the least-developed country Members will not be obliged, with respect to pharmaceutical products, to implement or apply sections 5 & 7 of Part II of the TRIPS Agreement or to enforce rights provided for under these Sections until 1st January, 2016, without prejudice to the right of the least-developed country members to seek other extensions of the transition period as provided for in article 66.1 of the TRIPS Agreement. We instruct the Council for TRIPS to take the necessary action to give effect to this pursuant to Article 66.1 of the TRIPS Agreement."

India does not qualify for inclusion in the least developed countries designated by the United Nations as per their criteria.

Surplus land with Nangal Fertilizers Ltd.

† 3973. SHRI KR1PAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nangal Fertilizers Ltd., Nangal, District Hoshiyarpur, Punjab has still 2578 acres surplus land out of the land acquired in 1957-58. which should have been given back to the original owners thereof *i.e.* Farmers; and

(b) if so, the progress made in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) According to National Fertilizers Ltd., 2578 acres of land in their possession at Nangal, is not surplus as the same is predominantly used for plant, township and other activities.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.